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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$683.
 - \$243 for 27 total claims over 20.
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/918,951 - Small Entity Status

THE iniB, iniA AND iniC GENES OF MYCOBACTERIA AND METHODS OF USE

Inventors: David Alland, Barry R. Bloom and William R. Jacobs, Jr.

Our File: 96700/680

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified patent application in the names of David Alland, Barry R. Bloom and William R. Jacobs, Jr., entitled THE iniB, iniA AND iniC GENES OF MYCOBACTERIA AND METHODS OF USE, comprising the following:

- 1. a Preliminary Amendment and Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application of September 25, 2001, including a request for a One Month Extension of Time (5 pages), with attached Appendix A (3 pages);
- 2. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (2 pages);
- a printed copy of the Sequence Listing (12 pages);
- an Amster, Rothstein & Ebenstein check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the basic filing fee, the late fee and the one month extension of time fee for small entity status; and

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Respectfully submitted,

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